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SHOWDOWN ON THE SMUGGLERS' MOON

It is a period of renewed hope for the Rebellion. The evil Galactic Empire's greatest weapon, the Death Star, has been destroyed by the young rebel pilot Luke Skywalker.

But Skywalker knows he has a long way to go if he ever hopes to become a true Jedi. Seeking clues to his destiny, he recently returned to his home world of Tatooine, where he discovered a secret journal left for him by Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Meanwhile, Princess Leia and Han Solo have encountered some surprises of their own. While searching the galaxy for a suitable site for the new Rebel base, they ran afoul of Imperial patrol ships. Now hiding out on a remote planet, they find themselves facing a far more shocking encounter.

Her name is Sana Solo. And she claims to be Han Solo's wife....

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An unnamed planet near the Monsua Nebula.
In an uncharted region
of the Outer Rim.

ATTENTION ALL
STARFIGHTERS.

PATROLS REPORT
THAT TWO HOSTILE
VESSELS HAVE ENTERED
THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE
IN ORDER TO AVOID
INTERCEPTION.

ONE OF THEM
IS AN IMPERIAL
SHUTTLE WE NOW
BELIEVE TO BE
STOLEN.

THE ATMOSPHERE IS
RIFE WITH ELECTRICAL
STORMS THAT HAVE SO
FAR RENDERED OUR
SCANNERS
INOPERABLE.

NEVERTHELESS,
WE SUSPECT THE
SHIPS ARE STILL
HIDING BELOW.

ALL TIE
BOMBERS, COMMENCE
BOMBARDMENT.

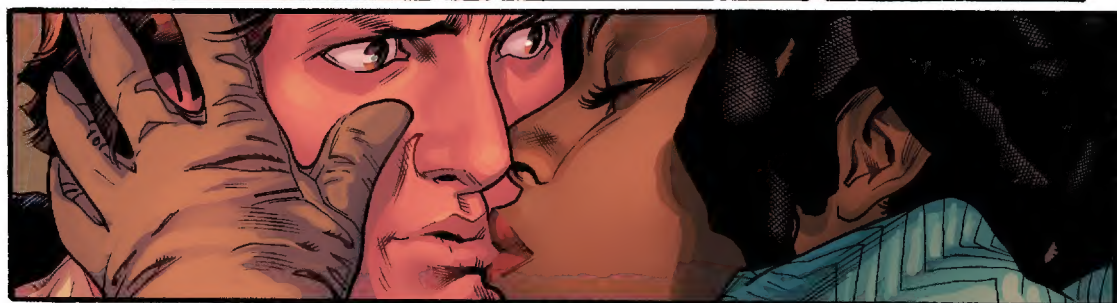
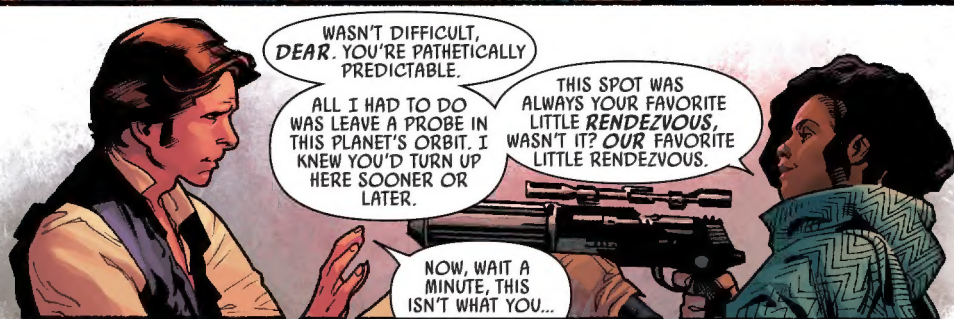
SET THE SKIES
ON FIRE IF YOU
HAVE TO, BUT FIND
THOSE SHIPS.

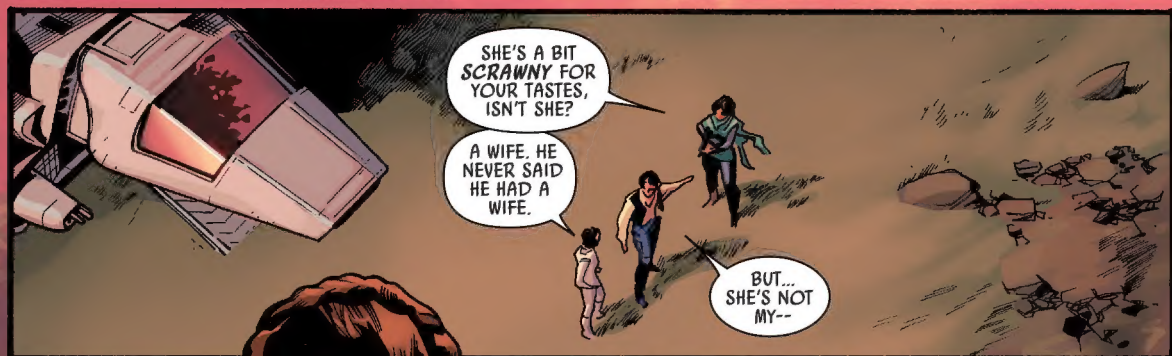
AYE-AYE,
CAPTAIN.

I LOVE MY
JOB.

LONG
LIVE THE
EMPIRE!

Meanwhile, on the planet's surface...







I'VE SEEN YOUR BOUNTY ALERTS. QUITE THE *PRICE* YOU'VE GOT ON YOUR HEAD.

IT GETS EVEN BETTER. YOUR WIFE IS A BOUNTY HUNTER.

NO! AND SHE'S NOT MY--

SUDDENLY THIS IS ALL MAKING SENSE.



THE RICH PRINCESS IN TROUBLE. YEAH, HAN COULD NEVER RESIST THOSE.

HOW MANY TIMES HAS HE *RESCUED* YOU? BET HE EVEN TURNED DOWN THE REWARD.



YEAH, HE'S HOLDING OUT FOR A MUCH *BIGGER* PRIZE.

AND EXACTLY WHAT SORT OF "PRIZE" WOULD THAT BE?



THAT'S ONE OF HIS BEST CONS. HE RAN THE SAME SCAM ON THE DAUGHTER OF A SULTAN IN THE BOZ PITY SYSTEM.

REALLY? MAYBE WE SHOULD GO ASK THE SULTAN. I HEAR HE'S STILL OFFERING A MOON IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR HEAD.

WHAT? *NONE* OF THAT IS TRUE!



LEIA, DON'T LISTEN TO HER. IT WAS NEVER LIKE THAT.

NEVER LIKE *WHAT*? ALL A HUGE *LIE*? THEN WHY IS YOUR WIFE POINTING A GUN AT ME?

SHE'S NOT MY WIFE!



OH, REALLY? I HAVE SOME DOCUMENTS ON MY SHIP THAT SAY OTHERWISE. SHALL WE LOOK AT THEM TOGETHER?

WHY ARE YOU *DOING* THIS, SANA? WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE?

BECAUSE IT'S TIME TO WRAP UP THIS LITTLE *CHARADE* OF YOURS, HAN. AND TIME TO COME--



THOSE
ARE PROTON
BOMBS.

THERE MUST
BE **TIE BOMBERS**
UP THERE.

YOU KNOW WHAT...
MAYBE NOW ISN'T THE
BEST TIME FOR THIS
CONVERSATION. MAYBE
WE SHOULD ALL
JUST LEAVE.



OH,
I INTEND
TO.

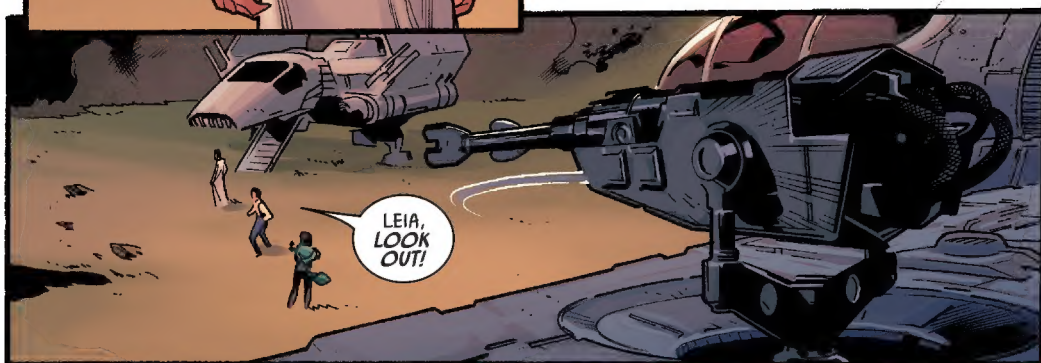
IF YOU REALLY
THINK YOUR
HUSBAND'S WORTH
KILLING SOMEONE
OVER, MRS. SOLO,
THEN BY ALL
MEANS...

**SHOOT
ME.**



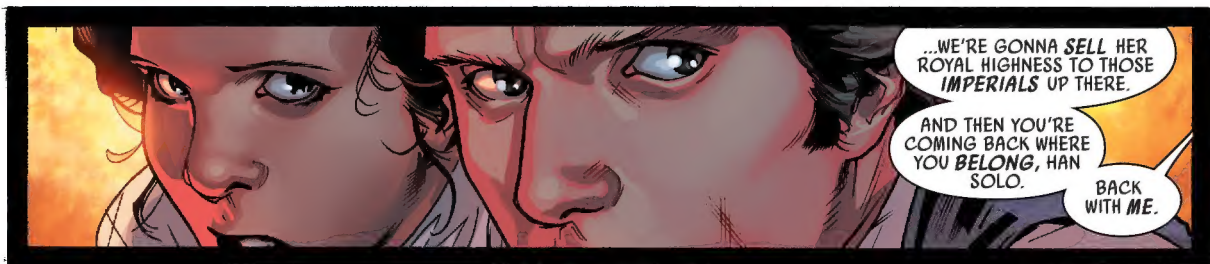
NOW WHY
WOULD I WANNA GO
AND DO THAT, YOUR
HIGHNESS?

**COBRA,
TARGET ONE
AND FIRE.**



LEIA,
**LOOK
OUT!**







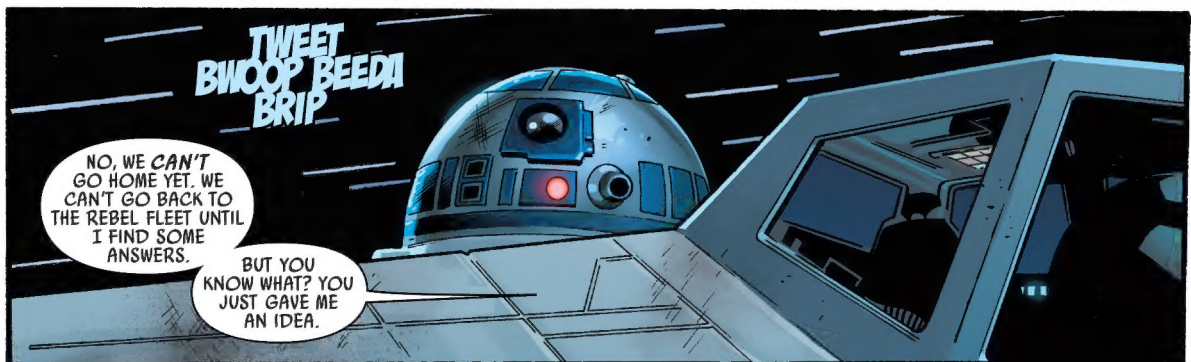
STORIES.



I NEARLY DIED FIGHTING THAT BOUNTY HUNTER ON TATOOINE, AND ALL FOR WHAT? ALL BEN LEFT ME WAS A BOOK OF *STORIES*.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS. I DON'T SEE WHERE THIS BOOK TELLS ME *ANYTHING* ABOUT FIGHTING WITH A LIGHTSABER OR USING THE FORCE.

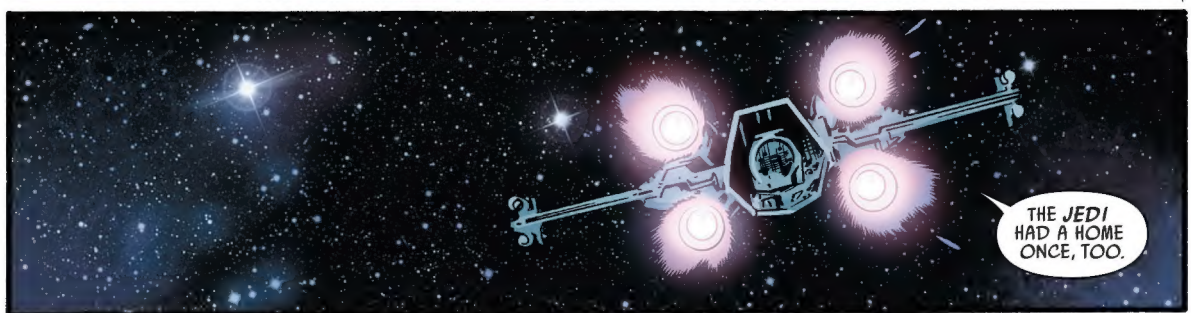
WE'RE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED, ARTOO. WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?



TWEET
BWOOOP
BEEDA
BRIP

NO, WE *CAN'T* GO HOME YET. WE CAN'T GO BACK TO THE REBEL FLEET UNTIL I FIND SOME ANSWERS.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU JUST GAVE ME AN IDEA.



THE *JEDI* HAD A HOME ONCE, TOO.

Nar Shaddaa.
The Smuggler's Moon.



WIP WIP
WOOOO

YES, ARTOO, I
KNOW NAR SHADDA
WAS NEVER THE HOME
OF THE JEDI.

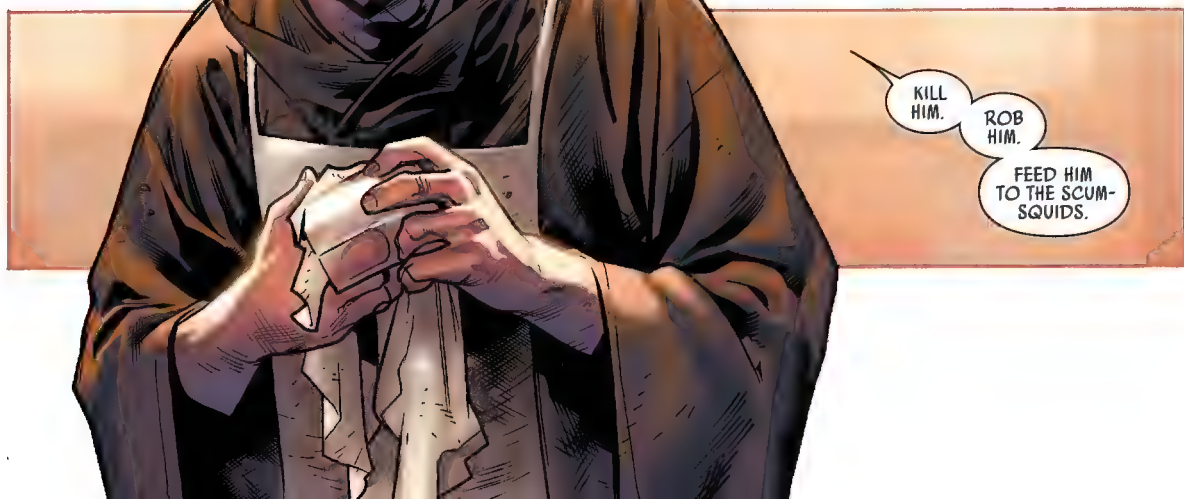
IT'S AN ENTIRE
WORLD OF PIRATES
AND OUTLAWS. IN
OTHER WORDS...

...IT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT WE
NEED.

ALL WE HAVE
TO DO IS FIND THE
WORST-LOOKING BAR
AROUND. TRUST ME,
ARTOO, I KNOW WHAT
I'M DOING.

JUST LET
ME DO THE
TALKING.











WHERE DID
YOU GET THAT
WEAPON?



OH, SO
NOW YOU WANNA
TALK?

I CAME IN
HERE TO CONDUCT
BUSINESS, AND
YOU TRIED TO
KILL ME.



YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT
WAS RATHER RUDE OF
ME, WASN'T IT? YOU'RE
OBVIOUSLY *NEW* AROUND
HERE. LET'S START
AGAIN.

WELCOME TO
NAR SHADDAA.
CAN I GET YOU
A DRINK?



I TOLD YOU WHAT I
WANTED WHEN I CAME
IN HERE.

RIGHT. WHAT
WAS IT YOU SAID
AGAIN?

OH,
YEAH.



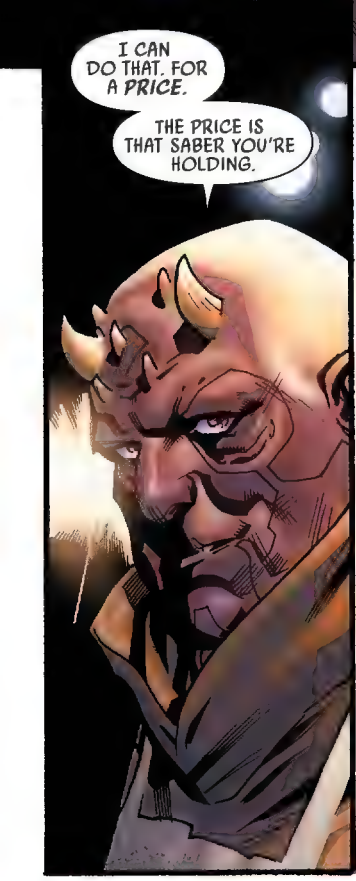
YOU WANNA GO TO
CORUSCANT.

A large crowd of people in a dimly lit, industrial setting. In the center, a man with a beard and a woman are talking. A bright blue light beam cuts through the scene. Darth Maul is visible in the background, looking towards the center.

GIVEN YOUR
CHOICE OF WEAPON,
I'D GUESS YOU'RE
SEEKING THE JEDI
TEMPLE.

AND THAT YOU'D
RATHER YOUR TRIP
REMAIN SOMEWHAT...
CLANDESTINE.

SO YOU NEED
SOMEONE TO SNEAK
YOU ONTO THE CAPITAL
PLANET, PAST THE GREATEST
CONCENTRATION OF
IMPERIAL GUARDS IN
THE GALAXY.

A close-up of Darth Maul's face. He has a serious, almost menacing expression, looking slightly to the side. His red skin and black facial markings are clearly visible.

I CAN
DO THAT. FOR
A PRICE.

THE PRICE IS
THAT SABER YOU'RE
HOLDING.

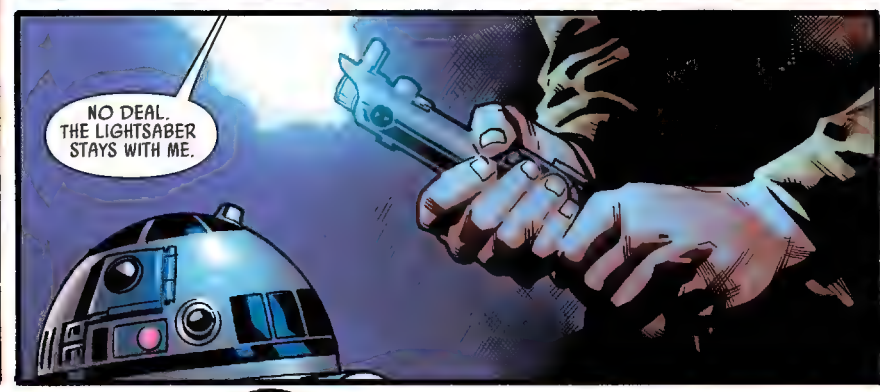
Darth Maul is in the center, wearing a white apron over his brown robe. He is looking at a man who is seen from the back. The background is a crowd of people in a dimly lit room.

THIS WAS MY FATHER'S
LIGHTSABER.

THIS WAS MY FATHER'S
BAR, BUT I'M GUESSING
BOTH OUR FATHERS ARE DEAD,
SO WHY DOES THAT MATTER?
YOU WANNA GO TO
CORUSCANT OR
NOT?

I CAN
GET YOU
CREDITS.

I DIDN'T ASK
FOR CREDITS. ALSO
YOU'RE LYING. YOU'RE
QUITE BAD AT IT.

A close-up of R2-D2's head on the left. On the right, a hand is holding a blue lightsaber, with the blade glowing. The background is dark and blurry.

NO DEAL.
THE LIGHTSABER
STAYS WITH ME.

Darth Maul is in the center, looking forward with a determined expression. He is surrounded by several henchmen in dark robes and hooded cloaks. The background is a dimly lit room.

THEN WE GO
WITH THE ORIGINAL
PLAN.

WE KILL YOU.
WE ROB YOU. WE
FEED YOU TO THE
SCUM-SQUIDS.

AND I
STILL GET THAT
SABER.



YOU WANT
THE SABER?
COME AND
GET I--



WHA?

THANKS.

DON'T
MIND IF
I DO.



GET THAT
LIGHTSABER!





ATTENTION,
BUCKETHEADS.



I'M ON THE PLANET RIGHT
BELOW YOU. AND YOU'LL
NEVER GUESS WHO I'VE
GOT HERE WITH ME.

COME IN, IMPERIAL
STAR DESTROYER. DO
YOU READ ME?



SANA, WE REALLY
OUGHTA... STOP AND
TALK ABOUT THIS.

SANA?

YOU IDIOT.
YOU SHOULD HAVE
SHOT HER WHEN
YOU HAD THE
CHANCE.



TRUST ME, THAT'S
NOT HOW YOU DEAL
WITH THIS WOMAN.

ALSO SHE'S
A BETTER SHOT
THAN ME.

UNBELIEVABLE.

LOOK, I KNOW
HOW TO HANDLE
THIS, OKAY? JUST
FOLLOW MY
LEAD.



YOU TWO DONE
WHISPERING?

SANA. HONEY. LET'S
TALK. WE REALLY NEED
TO TALK. PUT THE GUN
DOWN AND WE'LL
TALK, OKAY?

THIS IS ALL MY
FAULT, I KNOW. I'M
A SCOUNDREL, I
ADMIT IT. BUT I
PROMISE YOU I
CAN...







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Write us at StarWars@Marvel.com if you want to make it into a future letters page.
Don't forget to mark the letter "OK TO PRINT."

Hey gang, Rebel Editor Jordan D. White here! Man, that pesky Sana really is trouble, isn't she? Is the Empire going to take Princess Leia into custody AGAIN? What if there's no garbage chute on the Star Destroyers? Let's get to your letters.

Dear Marvel,

I just finished reading issue #5, and I have to say -- this is the best issue yet! There's some good character development for all the major players -- Luke, Han, and Leia. I especially enjoyed the banter between Leia and Han; those two are always taking jabs at each other, but it's so obvious they'll get together in the end.

Then you read the last few pages of the issue and WHAM!! Everything goes kablooey all at once. Han and Leia find themselves pursued by TIE fighters, and Han's mysterious tracker closes in. Meanwhile, Luke is attacked by Boba Fett! And then...the issue ends.

Arrgghh! Perfect cliffhanger! My only complaint is that I have to wait until the next issue comes out! To everyone involved in this fantastic project -- well done! Thanks to your efforts, we continue to have adventures in that galaxy far, far away!

Chris W.

That IS a cliffhanger! And you

leave ME with a cliffhanger by not having read issue 6 yet! Did you like how the fight went? Did Sana Solo blow your mind? Heck, by now you've read issue 7 and the journal of Old Ben Kenobi! How was that? YOU GOTTA TELL ME! I CANNOT STAND THE SUSPENSE!

Dear *Star Wars* team,

I must say, these comics are fantastic. Every month, I always get giddy when I see it is time for a new *Star Wars* or *Darth Vader* comic. You all have done a wonderful job with both art and storyline. I'd love to see more characters from the *Clone Wars* in here and I will still read it no matter what!

Grace Douglas

More THE CLONE WARS characters, huh? Hmmm, let me think. Do you think Huyang died in the Jedi purges? I'd love him to come back. I wonder what he's up to...

Hey there!

You guys have captured the essence of the *Star Wars* movies perfectly! I love the way all the supporting characters are introduced seamlessly into the story. John Cassaday is a perfect fit for *Star Wars*. His realistic art style complements the uniqueness of the universe. Just wondering, are you guys going to introduce any other

characters from the dark side?

Alvaro & Ellyd

P.S. Can't wait to read the *Lando* series!

The dark side? But, but...the Rule of Two says there can only be two Sith at a time, right? Of course, that has not stopped us from introducing a bunch of non-Force-using super-baddies over in *Darth Vader* #5-6...and those folks are here to stay. I imagine they will be trouble for both the Rebellion AND Vader.

Hi, I am 9 years old and I think these *Star Wars* comic books are AWESOME!!! I found the first issue at the comic book store and it was an instant favorite. Anyway, I loved having Boba Fett in the comics and I would like to learn more about Sana Solo. Once again, huge thanks to all of the people that worked on this amazing series. Keep up the good work!

May the Force be with you,
Isa

Boba Fett is a pretty popular character—I would say he's definitely the character we get the most requests for. That being said...we certainly don't want to have him cross paths with our Rebel heroes TOO many times outside of the movies. Gotta make sure

it's special when it happens. As for Sana...you got to see a bit of her personality here, but we still don't know all the information about her past with Han yet, do we? Hmm...

Hey guys!

First off I want to say that I'm 26 years old and my *Star Wars* fandom predates my first memory, so it's been a part of my ENTIRE life. Like many people, I'm sure, I was a bit nervous when the news broke that *Star Wars* would be leaving Dark Horse and be heading back to Marvel but so far let me tell you I've found both the *Darth Vader* and *Star Wars* books to be exceedingly good!

What I would like to know is how much of the *Star Wars* Legends will be making their way into the new *Star Wars* continuity? Is it all out the window? Who picks and chooses what stays and what goes? Will we be getting comics concerning other time periods in the universe? Is Exar Kun still out there? What about Thrawn? So many questions!

Keep on keeping on,
Matthew A.

So glad you're enjoying the new series! I am glad we exceeded your expectations! We know a thing or two about passionate fans at Marvel, but we knew we'd have to do our best to show *Star Wars* fans we were up to the challenge. As for the Legends stories... you never know what might pop up! While our main focus

is telling new stories moving forward, there is always a chance a character, place, or event might pop up. It's all up to the Lucasfilm Story Group—the guardians of the canon. Why, just recently I got a plot outline back where they suggested we use a character from Legends...

Hi guys,

I just want to say I love what you're doing with this book. The art and the story work so well together it makes me feel like I'm reading a *Star Wars* movie. Every character's personality is perfectly written and the dialog is flawless (especially Han and Leia's bickering). Keep up the good work and remember to have fun with it.

Cody

P.S. Will we see more Boba Fett?

Thanks! I have often said that Jason is a master of the Han and Leia banter. I don't know what that says about his relationships, but there you are. And another Boba Fett request! See?!

Dear *Star Wars*,

I was introduced to *Star Wars* as a kid by buying the first lightsaber with sound effects made available. I read all the EU stuff I could find. However, there was SO MUCH that I couldn't possibly read all of it. So, I stuck with the six saga films and the *Clone Wars* series.

I say all that to preface this: now, everything that is released with *Star Wars* in the title is

canon. No more conflicting stories or confusion about "what counts"! I now know the stories of *Star Wars*!

The books have been good as has *Rebels*, but my favorite aspect has been the comics. You all have been pumping out quality stories that are worthy to be called *Star Wars*. I just wanted to praise your great work and can say I wait eagerly for each issue. Oh; let's not forget about Lando Calrissian getting his own comic. I'm so pumped!

Thank you for being fans of *Star Wars* and crafting its future stories with care.

May the Force be with you,
Justin Siler

Thanks so much for the kind words! Saying you enjoy us more than *Rebels*?! That is high praise; I have been LOVING that show, myself. Chopper rules. Man, I so want to do an all-droids comic. Someday...

See you all next month when Luke gets himself into even MORE trouble!

"I call it luck!"
Jordan D. White

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